

What is Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)?

- An injury to the head arising from a blunt (*such as a hit or fall*) or penetrating trauma (*such as a gun shot*) or from acceleration-deceleration forces (*such as shaking, whiplash movements*).
- Leading causes of TBI are motor vehicle accidents, falls, violence and sport injuries.
- TBI may result in mild to severe medical, physical, sensory, social, emotional, cognitive, language and behavioral problems.
- TBI survivors are part of Hawaii's neurotrauma community.

Need more information?

- Call our Statewide telephone Helpline for information and referral to access community resources.
- Go to our Neurotrauma webpage that provides information on frequently asked questions, island resources, calendar of events, our

organization, the State TBI Advisory Board and other matters related to Neurotrauma.

- Read our quarterly Neurotrauma newsletter. Call or e-mail us to join our mailing list.

Who are we?

We are the Developmental Disabilities Services Branch. Our mission is to develop, implement and monitor a comprehensive system of Statewide supports to address the needs of people with neurotrauma injury and their families.

We are currently engaged in an ongoing assessment of the needs and concerns of brain injury survivors, their families, service providers and other community stakeholders to improve Hawaii's system of supports.

And we provide leadership through community partnerships to promote prevention programs, education and public awareness.

How to contact us?

In order for us to develop the most responsive system of services we must gather some basic information

on who you are, where you are, and what your needs are. To contact us:

► Write or visit us at
**Department of Health
Dev. Disabilities Services Br.
2201 Waimano Home Road
Pearl City, HI 96782-1474**

► Fax us at **453-6217**

► Call our **Helpline**
on Oahu.....**453-6151**

On Neighbor Islands call toll free:

Hawaii.....**974-4000**

Maui.....**984-2400**

Kauai.....**274-3141**

Molokai, Lanai....**1-800-468-4644**

Then enter Extension: **3-6151**

► **E-mail** us at
ntrauma@mail.health.state.hi.us

► **Website:**
www.state.hi.us/doh/resource/tbi/index.htm

How to contact us? Cont.

For TTY/TDD users: Verizon Hawaii offers Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) by dialing **711**. For computer users with modem: Verizon Hawaii offers TRS by dialing: **643-8833**.



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